

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-8 (cancelled):

Claim 9 (new): An artificial fingernail remover comprising a receptacle and an absorbent;

said receptacle being formed of a flexible and airtight resin sheet of 0.005 mm to 1.0 mm in thickness into a sack shape with an opened end, a closed end and a cavity defined between said opened and closed ends;

said absorbent being disposed in the receptacle and secured to the closed end of said receptacle;

said absorbent having suitable elasticity and flexibility;

said absorbent absorbing a solvent dropped through the opened end in said receptacle; and

wherein the user's finger and said artificial fingernail attached to the user's fingernail are inserted into the opened into the cavity to bring the artificial fingernail into contact with said absorbent and receive nearly second joint of a user's finger in said receptacle in order to dissolve or soften resin of said artificial fingernail by said solvent retained in said absorbent.

Claim 10 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 9, wherein said receptacle is formed of a resin selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polyamide, polypropylene,

ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, polyethylene terephthalate and vinylidene chloride.

Claim 11 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 9, wherein said absorbent is formed of a material selected from the group consisting of foamed resin of polyethylene or polyurethane, sponge of organic material, cloth or woven or nonwoven fabric.

Claim 12 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 9, wherein said absorbent is adhered to the closed end of said receptacle by heat-sealing or welding.

Claim 13 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 9, wherein the solvent absorbed by said absorbent is selected from the group consisting of acetone, alcohol, amyl acetate and ethyl acetate.

Claim 14 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 9, wherein each of said receptacle and absorbent is made of a material that cannot be dissolved or softened by the solvent.

Claim 15 (new): The artificial fingernail remover of claim 9, wherein a length of said absorbent being shorter than that of said receptacle.